Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [001] with the following:

[001]   This application claims priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/451,054 filed February 28, 2003, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. Further, this application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. ———— ~~(Attorney Docket No. 06502.0565-00000)~~ 10/787,217, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING A STORAGE VIRTUALIZATION ENVIRONMENT," and filed concurrently herewith, U.S. Patent Application No. ———— ~~(Attorney Docket No. 06502.0568-00000)~~ 10/787,320, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING SNAPSHOT CAPABILITIES IN A STORAGE VIRTUALIZATION ENVIRONMENT," and filed concurrently herewith, U.S. Patent Application No. ———— ~~(Attorney Docket No. 06502.0569-00000)~~ 10/787,322, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR DYNAMICALLY UPDATING A VIRTUAL VOLUME IN A STORAGE VIRTUALIZATION ENVIRONMENT," and filed concurrently herewith, U.S. Patent Application No. ———— ~~(Attorney Docket No. 06502.0570-00000)~~ 10/787,321, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PERFORMING QUIESCENCE IN A STORAGE VIRTUALIZATION ENVIRONMENT," and filed concurrently herewith, and U.S. Patent Application No. ———— ~~(Attorney Docket No. 06502.0571-00000)~~10/787,324, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR CONFIGURING A STORAGE VIRTUALIZATION ENVIRONMENT," ~~and filed concurrently herewith,~~ all of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Please modify the second sentence of paragraph [007] according to the following:

~~Thee~~ <u>These</u> methods and systems utilize a single storage switch that allows resource sharing while protecting data from faults and other types of events that may restrict access to storage system resources.

Please modify the first sentence of paragraph [008] according to the following:

According to one embodiment, a storage virtualization environment is provided that includes a system for providing multi-path communications ~~in a storage virtualization environment~~ for managing a virtual volume of data.

Please modify paragraph [008] at line 6 to replace the forward slash with a period.